

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

This Document Relates to:

IN RE DEPAKOTE:

B.P., et al., v. Abbott Laboratories Inc., 13-cv-324-SCW

J.B., et al., v. Abbott Laboratories Inc., 13-cv-326-SCW

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

HERNDON, Chief Judge:

These matters come before the Court for purposes of case management. The Court *sua sponte* reassigns these proceedings to the undersigned chief judge to serve as presiding judge until further order of the Court. These cases shall now bear the cases numbers 13-cv-324-DRH-SCW, and 13-cv-326-DRH-SCW. Magistrate Judge Williams shall continue to serve as reference judge for all pretrial discovery matters in all “Depakote” cases.

The Court hereby sets the following deadlines:

Event	Date
Deadline to depose defense experts	March 21, 2014
Deadline to file <i>Daubert</i> motions, dispositive motions, and motions in limine	March 21, 2014
Deadline to oppose <i>Daubert</i> motions, dispositive motions, and motions in limine	April 11, 2014
Deadline to file replies regarding <i>Daubert</i> and dispositive motions, motions in limine	April 18, 2014

Deposition designations, exhibit lists and witness lists to be exchanged	April 18, 2014
Counter-designations and objections to deposition designations to be exchanged	April 28, 2014
Final pre-trial conference and argument on all motions	<u>May 1, 2014</u>
Trial	May 12, 2014

The Court notes that the final pre-trial conference and argument on all motions is now set for **Thursday, May 1, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.** The undersigned shall rule as to any dispositive, *Daubert*, and in limine motions that may be filed. As for the first trial currently set to begin on **May 12, 2014**, Magistrate Judge Williams shall select the jury as the undersigned will be attending the Seventh Circuit Judicial Conference and the Seventh Circuit Judicial Council meetings set for May 12-13, 2014. Opening statements and evidence will then begin on May 14, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., with the undersigned presiding until further Order of the Court.

Finally, as for additional bellwether trial dates and cases, the parties are directed to meet and confer to determine proposed cases and trial dates.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed this 28th day of February, 2014.

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**Chief Judge
United States District Judge**